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SUBJECT: PRIVACY ACT OF 1974

REF: STATE 172353

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL WE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING CONCERNING RECORDS MAINTAINED AT THE CONSULATE GENERAL RELATING TO CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES:

A. I. PASSPORT AND NATIONALITY REGISTRATION CARD FILE

II. INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION CARDS OF THE UNITED STATES CITIZENS
WHO HAVE OBTAINED DOCUMENTATION AND/OR REGISTERED AT THE CONSULATE
GENERAL AS UNITED STATES CITIZENS. THE FILE ALSO CONTAINS
LOOK OUT NOTICES RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE; THESE
NOTICES COVER INDIVIDUALS WHOSE REQUESTS FOR PASSPORT
SERVICES OR REGISTRATION MUST BE REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT
OF STATE FOR INSTRUCTIONS. AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO HAVE
ENCOUNTERED DIFFICULTIES IN NEARBY CONSULAR DISTRICTS, SUCH
AS LOST/STOLEN PASSPORTS, ARRESTS, RUNAWAY MINORS, ARE INCLUDED

IN THIS CARD FILE.

III. CARDS CONTAIN DATA RELATING TO THE TYPE OF PASSPORT SERVICES
PROVIDED, DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH, MARITAL AND FAMILY STATUS,
LOCAL ADDRESS, NEXT OF KIN AND WHERE AND WHEN LATEST PASSPORT(S)

ISSUED.

IV. EXECUTIVE ORDER 11295 AUGUST 5, 1966.

V. INFORMATION IS OCCASIONALLY PROVIDED TO LOCAL OFFICIALS UNCLASSIFIED

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BUT ONLY WHEN A QUESTION OF UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP IS INVOLVED

SUCH AS IN DEATH CASES, ACCIDENTS, ARRESTS OR LOSS OF UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP.

VI. RECORDS ARE MAINTAINED ALPHABETICALLY BY NAME ON 5" X 8" CARDS. ONLY DESIGNATED CONSULAR PERSONNEL HAVE ACCESS. CARDS ARE DESTROYED FIVE YEARS AFTER THE LAST REGISTRATION, PASSPORT SERVICE OR ACTION HAS BEEN RECORDED. LOOK OUT NOTICES ARE RETAINED FOR EITHER FIVE YEARS, INDEFINITELY OR DESTROYED ON RECEIPT OF INSTRUCTION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

VII. SENIOR AMERICAN CONSULAR OFFICER AT POST.

VIII. ALL REGISTRATION CARDS ARE PREPARED FROM INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE INDIVIDUAL. LOOK OUT NOTICES ARE RECEIVED PREPRINTED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. CARDS COVERING INDIVIDUALS IN NEARBY CONSULAR POSTS ARE PREPARED ON THE BASIS OF INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE POST.

B. I. CITIZENSHIP FILES.

II. PENDING FILES COVERING INDIVIDUALS RESIDING IN THE CONSULAR DISTRICT ON WHOM THERE IS EITHER A QUESTION AS TO THEIR CLAIM TO CITIZENSHIP, WE ARE AWAITING RECEIPT OF DOCUMENTATION TO SUBSTANTIATE A CLAIM, OR WE ARE AWAITING A DECISION TO A CLAIM OF CITIZENSHIP BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. FILES ALSO CONTAIN RECORDS OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE MADE FRAUDULENT CLAIMS TO UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP.

III. FILES CONTAIN APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION/PASSPORT SERVICES, PERSONAL RECORDS SUBMITTED BY THE INDIVIDUAL SUCH AS BIRTH AND MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES, CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE INDIVIDUAL CONCERNED AND THE CONSULATE GENERAL, BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND THE CONSULATE GENERAL AND, IN THOSE CASES WHERE AN INDIVIDUAL HAS TAKEN UP GERMAN CITIZENSHIP, CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE CONSULATE GENERAL AND THE APPROPRIATE GERMAN AUTHORITIES.

IV. EXECUTIVE ORDER 11295 AUGUST 5, 1966.

V. INTERNAL USE AND APPROPRIATE GERMAN OFFICIALS AS APPLICABLE

VI. FILED IN FOLDERS ALPHABETICALLY BY NAME. ONLY DESIGNATED CONSULAR PERSONNEL HAVE ACCESS. RECORDS ARE MAINTAINED UNTIL THE CASE HAS BEEN RESOLVED, THE INFORMATION IS THEN TRANSFERRED TO THE PASSPORT AND NATIONALITY REGISTRATION CARD FILE AND THE MATERIAL IN THE FOLDER IS DESTROYED OR RETURNED TO THE INDIVIDUAL. VII. SENIOR AMERICAN CONSULAR OFFICER AT POST.

VIII. IN ALMOST ALL CASES THE INFORMATION IS RECEIVED FROM THE INDIVIDUAL CONCERNED. IN CASES OF LOST CITIZENSHIP THE INFORUNCLASSIFIED

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MATION IS OCCASSIONALLY PROVIDED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES, I.E. A PERSON HAS APPLIED FOR AND OBTAINED GERMAN CITIZENSHIP. C. I. FEDERAL BENEFITS FILES

II. ACTIVE FILES FOR INDIVIDUALS RESIDENT IN THE CONSULAR DISTRICT PURSUING A CLAIM FOR BENEFITS OR REQUESTING INFORMATION FROM THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION OR OTHER FEDERAL AGENCY PROVIDING RETIREMENT OR DISABILITY BENEFITS TO QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS.

III. THE FILES CONTAIN FINANCIAL AND EMPLOYMENT RECORDS, BIRTH AND MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES, DIVORCE DECREES, COURT APPOINTMENTS FOR GUARDIANSHIP, MEDICAL REPORTS, ADOPTION DOCUMENTS, SCHOOL ATTENDENCE REPORTS AND SIMILAR ITEMS REQUIRED TO SUPPORT A CLAIM TO BENEFITS.

IV. 22 USC 846 (THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ACTS AS THE REPRESENTATIVE ABROAD FOR VARIOUS OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES).

V. CASES ARE PROCESSED AT THE REQUEST OF THE AGENCY INVOLVED OR BY THE APPLICANT FOR BENEFITS. THE INFORMATION IS NOT AVAILABLE TO ANY OTHER AGENCY OTHER THAN THE ONE CONCERNED. ALL DOCUMENTS AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION ARE FORWARDED TO THE REQUESTING AGENCY WHEN THE CASE IS COMPLETED.

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VI. FILED ALPHABETICALLY BY NAME IN FOLDERS. ONLY DESIGNATED CONSULAR PERSONNEL HAVE ACCESS. FILES ARE RETAINED ONE YEAR IN VETERANS CASES AND THREE YEARS FOR SOCIAL SECURITY CASES. A FEW CASES ARE RETAINED INDEFINITELY AS THEY CONTAIN INFORMATION OF RECURRING INTEREST.

VII. SENIOR CONSULAR OFFICER AT POST.

VIII. ALL THE INFORMATION IN THE FILES IS OBTAINED FROM THE APPLICANT OR WITH THE APPLICANT'S CONSENT FROM LOCAL SOURCES; HOSPITALS, DOCTORS, SCHOOLS, ETC. D. I. PROTECTION AND WELFARE FILES.

I. INDIVIDUAL FILES FOR UNITED STATES CITIZENS AND IN SOME CASES NON-CITIZEN FAMILY MEMBERS, WHO HAVE REQUIRED SOME TYPE OF ASSISTANCE WHILE RESIDING, VISITING OR POSSIBLY COMING INTO THE CONSULAR DISTRICT. INCLUDED ARE FILES ON INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN HOSPITALIZED, ARRESTED, IMPRISONED, WHOSE WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN, WHO HAVE ENCOUNTERED DIFFICULTIES OF ONE FORM OR ANOTHER

IN NEARBY CONSULAR DISTRICTS, REQUIRED TEMPORARY FINACIAL ASSISTANCE, REQUESTED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN RETURNING TO THE UNITED STATES OR HAVE LOST MONEY AND/OR LUGGAGE. THERE ARE ALSO FILES ON ESTATE AND PROPERTY CASES, CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO DEPOSITIONS REQUESTED BY COURTS IN THE UNITED STATES AND DOCUMENTS CONCERNING MERCHANT SEAMEN WHO ARE SIGNED ON OR OFF UNITED STATES FLAG VESSELS IN THE PORT OF HAMBURG.

III. EACH FILE CONTAINS INFORMATION DIRECTLY RELATED TO

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IV. HISORICALLY A BASIC FUNCTION OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE, TO ASSIST UNITED STATES CITIZENS ABROAD.

V. NOT AVAILABLE TO AGENCIES OR PERSONS OUTSIDE THE DEPART-UNCLASSIFIED

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MENT OF STATE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF LOCAL AUTHORITES WHEN DISCLUSRE IS TO THE BENEFIT OF THE INDIVIDUAL CONCERNED.

VI. RECORDS ARE MAINTAINED ALPHABETICALLY BY NAME UNDER GENERAL SUBJECTS IN FILE FOLDERS. OVNLY DESIGNTED CONSULAR PERSONNEL HAVE ACCESS AT ALL TIMES. FILES ARE DESTROYED BETWEEN ONE AND VIE YEARS AFTER LAST CONSULAR ACTION EXCEPT FOR A VERY FEW PRECEDENT FILES.

VII. SENIOR AMERICAN CONSULAR OFFICER AT POST.
VIII. INFORMATION IN THE FILES HAVE BEEN FURNISHED BY THE INDIVIDUAL, RELATIVES, LOCAL AUTHORIES, OTHER FOREIGN SERVICE POSTS.

- 2. AS THE POST HAS NOT ISSUED IMMIGRANT VISAS FOR NUMBER OF YEARS WE DO NOT NOW HAVE ANY RECORDS OF PERSONS ADMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE.
- 3. POST ALSO MAINTAINS NORMAL PERSONNEL FILES ON STATE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES, WHICH WE BELIEVE CONTAINS NO INFORMATION NOT ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND WHICH WE UNDERSTAND NEED NOT BE DESCRIBED IN THIS CABLE. IN ADDITION, ECON/COMMERCIAL SECTION MAINTAINS ALPHABETICAL CONTACT FILES WHICH CONTAIN ONLY BUSINESS (CALLING) CARDS OF PERSONS MET, REGARDLESS OF NATIONALITY, OR THE SAME INFORMATION WITHOUT BUSINESS CARDS.
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